



Notice  
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Chancellor

## **The Proposed Grade Truncation of P.S. 139 Rego Park (28Q139) to a K-5 School**

### **I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.**

P.S. 139 Rego Park (28Q139, “P.S. 139”) is an existing elementary school located at 93-06 63<sup>rd</sup> Drive, Rego Park, NY 11374, in Community School District 28. It currently serves students in Kindergarten through sixth grade. P.S. 139 is co-located in Building Q139 with a District 75 (“D75”) inclusion program, P177Q (“P177Q@Q139”), which serves students in grades Kindergarten through sixth with a range of disabilities. “Co-located” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. P177Q@Q139 students are enrolled in P.S. 139’s general education classes, and, depending on their individual needs, receive Special Education Teacher Support Services (“SETSS”) separately.

This is a proposal to implement a “grade truncation,” meaning that P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139 would no longer enroll sixth graders after the current 2010-2011 school year.

During the 2010-2011 school year, all fifth and sixth grade P.S. 139 students would participate in the Middle School Choice process, and all fifth and sixth grade P177Q@Q139 students will participate in the D75 Middle School Choice process. At the close of the 2010-2011 school year, all fifth and sixth graders who meet promotional standards would graduate from P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139. Beginning in 2011-2012, P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139 would serve students only in Kindergarten through fifth grade. From that time forward, P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139 students would move on to middle school for sixth grade.

Middle schools typically enroll students beginning in sixth grade, and P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139 students have the option to apply to start middle school as sixth graders. P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139 students who wait until sixth grade to apply to middle school are limited to those schools that still have available seventh-grade seats. In particular, there are several unzoned, choice middle schools in District 28, and those schools rarely have open seventh-grade seats, which become available only if sixth graders leave the school. As a result, students who remain at P.S. 139 or P177Q@Q139 through sixth grade will have fewer options than their peers who start middle school a year earlier.

This proposed grade truncation will help standardize middle school application and entry grades in District 28, giving all P.S. 139 and P177Q@Q139 students access to the same range of middle school options as their peers throughout the District.

**II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.**

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Dec2010PEP.htm>

A copy of the EIS is also available in the main offices of P.S. 161 and P004Q.

**III. Submission of public comment.**

Written comments can be sent to [D28Proposals@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D28Proposals@schools.nyc.gov).

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-7621.

**IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.**

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**V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.**

December 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
P.S. 139  
93-06 63<sup>rd</sup> Drive  
Rego Park, NY 11374

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

**VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.**

December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
Brooklyn Technical High School  
29 Fort Greene Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11217